

# FOOD PURCHASE REPORT

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Service

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## USDA SHELL EGG PURCHASE PROGRAM ANNOUNCED (PY-338):

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today announced plans to purchase shell eggs for domestic food nutrition assistance programs.

Offers will be invited from the trade for U.S. Grade AA or A large or medium eggs (15 dozen case). Shell eggs must be of current production from domestic chickens; the eggs must be packaged in one dozen cartons and packed in fiberboard boxes with 15 dozen per case. A purchase unit will total 1,500 cases.

Invitation No. 1, inviting offers due by 12 noon, Central Time, Monday, Aug. 25, is being issued this week. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Friday, Aug. 29, for delivery from Oct. 1 to Oct. 31, and Dec. 1 to Dec. 15.

All offers must be submitted electronically through the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) website at <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?>. Offers submitted by any means other than DEBES will be considered nonresponsive.

All certifications in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) and Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA) must be completed prior to submitting a bid.

Offerors are urged to carefully read all applicable terms and conditions of the Master Solicitation for Shell Eggs dated June 2008; Qualification Requirements for Prospective Contractors dated May 2008; Commodity Specification for Shell Eggs dated June 2008; and Invitation No. 1.

Inquiries may be made by telephoning (202) 720-7693 or addressing the Contracting Officer; USDA/AMS/Poultry Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0260; 1400 Independence Ave., SW; Washington, DC 20250. An electronic version of this Food Purchase Report can be obtained through the world wide web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

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